

Through an ongoing series of programs, workshops, and activities, the *Batteries Included* Youth Initiative exposes participants to an array of support systems and opportunities that focuses on the following development strategies:

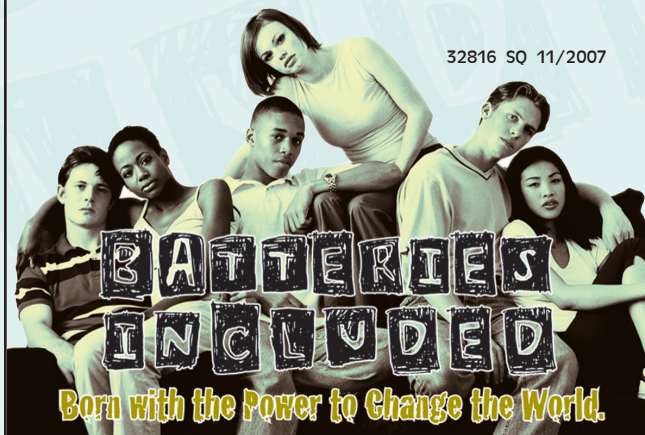
- Active Lifestyles
- Safe and Healthy Communities
- City/School Partnerships
- Education/After-School Programs
- Academic Enrichment
- College Preparation
- Social Engagement
- Personal Development
- Conflict Resolution
- Job Training/Career Development
- Diverse Employment
- Outreach Services/Re-Engagement
- Youth Achievement/Success Building



### *It Works!*

The *Batteries Included* Youth Initiative received the Outstanding Achievement in Local Government Innovation Award - Bellevue, Washington - June 2007.

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## Preparing Las Vegas' Youth For Tomorrow

# BATTERIES INCLUDED

**Born with the Power to Change the World.**

Youth Initiative



*Health & Safety*



*Education*



*Leadership*



Access to after-school educational activities and opportunities for youth engagement and diverse employment.

*POWER!*



**S**chools and the quality of education they provide along with strong government support services are key elements in creating stable neighborhoods and shaping the quality of life in our communities.

Students learn best in environments where a variety of stakeholders come together to share their resources and expertise to motivate and engage youth both in and out of the classroom.

The *Batteries Included* Youth Initiative is a unique collaboration between the City of Las Vegas, Clark County School District, and Nevada Partners and represents their combined commitment to youth excellence and achievement.

### *Vision*

All youth in Las Vegas will be prepared for success in a diverse economy and community.

### *Purpose*

To unite a variety of community resources to develop solutions and options for youth.

### *Mission*

To create partnerships that will integrate the focus on education with support services and opportunities that will improve student learning, strengthen families, enhance job skills, and promote healthy communities.

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This Initiative will not only unite key partners, but also ensure that both youth and parents play a major role as well. The intent is to leverage resources for Las Vegas youth and their families by increasing and improving access to after-school educational activities while also providing more opportunities for youth engagement and diverse employment.

Three components comprise the *Batteries Included* Youth Initiative: health & safety, education, and leadership.

## *Health & Safety*

This component consists of two parts: health and safety. The five areas of health include mental, physical, emotional, social, and spiritual.

Providing teens with a wide array of programs and activities that are both inclusive and afford opportunities to achieve optimal health is a crucial factor in their development. The safety aspect is intended to help teens and their families realize the importance of incorporating sound safety welfare practices into their lives.



*Component #1: Health & Safety*

## *Education*

The Education component is vital to leading youth to new heights. Creating enriching after-school and evening educational experiences that support and complement lessons learned in school, but also present disconnected youth the opportunity to re-engage is an essential part of education and individual development. Assisting youth with career and outreach programs through community partnerships, along with offering internships and job training opportunities, will provide them access to good jobs and lead them toward a productive life. Celebrating the talents and achievements of our youth as they educate themselves will encourage them to continue on a positive path to adulthood.

*Component #2: Education*

## *Leadership*

The Leadership component uses the Youth Councils, special events, community service, and a host of additional programs to challenge youth as they engage in leadership roles. Positive reinforcement combined with multiple leadership opportunities will afford youth the means to develop and practice the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to be tomorrow's leaders.

*Component #3: Leadership*

"Leadership requires the courage to make decisions that will benefit the next generation."

*Alan Autry*